Mr. I N. Menon.—No. of schools in which spinning on charka is taught as a compulsory subject

	Sirkar	*Aided.*
	23	15
No. of schools where spinning is going on without compulsion	55	36

Hand-writing test—Education Department.

194. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of teachers in the service who have passed State Hand-writing Test Examination; number of clerks in the department who have not passed the Hand-writing Test; the present pay of such teachers and clerks respectively?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are three teachers and two of them are drawing Rs. 15 and one Rs. 20.

None of the clerks have passed the test. Their pay according to the revision is Rs. 80—100, 60—80, 40—60 and 25—40.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not a good hand-writing a necessary qualification for a clerk?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not prescribed as one of the necessary qualifications required for the clerks according to the rules.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In practice, is it not necessary that a clerk should have a good hand-writing?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is one of the necessary qualifications in a clerk; but, as I said, it is not prescribed so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have these clerks more qualifications than those who have passed the Hand-writing Test? What are the qualifications of those clerks at present?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Lease of poramboke lands to Depressed Classes.

195. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) how many acres of poramboke land have been leased to the Depressed Classes after the creation of the Protector of the Depressed Classes;

(2) to how many persons and in what places have the leases been made;

(3) how many houses have been put up by the lessees in the plots of land obtained under this lease and how many plots have been used for cultivation?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) 97·09 acres.

(2) Licenses for house sites have been sanctioned to 611 families and in the following villages:—

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